GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:213
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GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes has no authority to address the grievances of the backward classes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the name of the institution with which the backward class persons/employees can lodge their grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a), (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 213 for 29.11.2007

(a) to (c) In pursuance of the direction of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Indira Sawhney & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors, Government of India enacted the National Commission for Backward Classes, Act, 1993 (27 of 1993) for setting up of a National Commission for Backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the Centre. In terms of Section 9 of the Act, the Commission is empowered to examine the requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as backward class in the lists and hear complaints of over inclusion or under inclusion of any backward class in such lists and tender such advice to the Central Government as it deems appropriate. The advice of the Commission is ordinarily binding upon the Central Government.

In respect of grievances which are outside the purview of the National Commission for Backward Classes, the normal redressal mechanism applicable to non Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is also applicable to the Backward Classes.